

Mr. C. Matthai.—Gardening is carried on in almost all schools, as I told you before. But Agriculture in the general sense of that term is carried on in 30 or 40 schools with the assistance of the specially trained teachers. There is not one single school where paddy cultivation is carried on, but we are thinking of leasing or acquiring small plots of land at Vadakkancheri and Chalakkudi and other places for cultivation, when the teachers from Poona return.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Wariar.—Have the Managers made any arrangements for the teaching of Agriculture in aided schools?

Mr. C. Matthai.—In some schools they have introduced it.

Prohibition of Mr. Paliyath Kunjunni Achan to speak in Government Schools.

380. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that Mr. Paliyath Kunjunni Achan was not allowed to speak in any of the Government and aided schools in the State in the year 1920 and 1921;

(b) If the answer be in the affirmative, on what grounds was the ban placed?

(c) Whether the said ban still continues and if so, whether Government will consider the removal of the ban in view of Mr. Achan's having tendered an unconditional apology to the Cochin Government in 1921 for all his political activities?

Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) Yes.

(b) His speeches at the time were considered inflammatory.

(c) The ban was removed in July 1925.

The concession granted to Catholic Managers of Schools.

381. Mr. Paulo Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state, if the concession granted to the Catholic Managers by the Proceedings of the Diwan, Dis. No. 241/R/91, dated 20th March 1916, has been cancelled by any later action of Government?

Mr. C. Matthai.—The whole subject is being reviewed by Government.

382. Mr. Paulo Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to reassure the Catholics that the Government do not

contemplate any change in the practice as sanctioned by the Government by Diwan's Proceedings (above)?

Mr. C. Matthai.—Vide answer to question No 381.

The annual income, expenditure, etc., for each of the Sirkar High Schools.

383. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—(a) What is the annual income and what is the annual expenditure for each of the Sirkar High Schools (i) for boys and (ii) for girls, for each of the past 3 years?

(b) In how many of these High Schools referred to in part (a) of this question and in which of them, if any, were the fees collected from the students insufficient to pay the staff in each of the past three years, and what is the amount Government had to pay, if any, in each case to make up the deficit in each of the past 3 years?

(c) (i) How many of these High Schools referred to in part (a) of this question have got hostels attached to them for the board and lodging of students?

(ii) Are all or any of them self-supporting?

(iii) What is the actual or average cost charged for boarding per student, per mensem in each of these hostels for each of the past 3 years?

(iv) Had the Government to incur any expense for the maintenance of each of these hostels in any of the past 3 years. If so, what are the amounts, and for what purpose were they incurred?

(v) Is living in the hostel compulsory with regard to any class of students? If so, have the authorities enquired and satisfied themselves that living in the hostels is not more expensive than living outside in the locality?

Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) and (b) Vide statement appended. (*Appendix II.*)

(c) (i) Vide statement appended. (*Appendix III.*)

(ii) All the hostels are self-supporting.

(iii) Vide statement referred to in (c) (i).

(iv) Yes. The monthly allowance at the rate of Rs. 15 paid to the Wardens of these hostels, besides the cost of vessels, furniture, etc., shown in the statement *supra*